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This morning, that full Hunger  
Moon still low on the horizon,  
a corpse curled up in the park  
across the street from my house.  
She rested on a bench  
in the playground, where mothers  
watch their children swing  
on monkey bars above the sand.

When she was lifted onto the gurney,  
the rising sun highlighted  
gray hair among the brown,  
like mine, falling to her shoulders.

Did the policemen blame me  
for the body almost on my doorstep?  
I heard nothing in the night.  
Can they blame me?  
Talking to them  
made me want to run away.  
Standing there, I couldn't look into her face.

I don't want to know how you die  
when you die alone.

